

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ratliff, et al. Confirmation No.: 6914
Appl. No.: 09/961,419 Art Unit: 2161
Filed: 09/25/2001 Examiner: Charles C. Agwumezie
For: AVAILABILITY BASED VALUE
CREATION METHOD AND SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before calculating the claim fee and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.